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REMARKS

Claims 12 and 15 stand rejected. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11, 13, and 14 have been allowed. Claim 10 has been indicated as allowable if amended to correct a typographical issue. By this paper, Claims 12 and 15 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks.

Objection to Claim 10

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 10 for including a semicolon after the term “mechanism.” As discussed during the interview, however, the objected-to character is not a semicolon, but a deleted (and thus, struck-through) comma.

Claim 10, as most recently amended, is shown in the present listing of the claims without any extraneous semicolon. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner’s indication that 1-3, 5-9, 11, 13, and 14 are allowed and that Claim 10 would be allowable if amended to correct a typographical issue. As these are now the only pending claims, and because the objection to Claim 10 has been addressed as noted above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicant is not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not

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reasonably infer that Applicant has made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the noted rejections and to place the claims in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if an issue requires clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve any such issue promptly.

Applicant respectfully traverses each of the Examiner's rejections and each of the Examiner's assertions regarding what the prior art discloses or teaches, even if not expressly discussed herein. Although changes to the claims have been made, no acquiescence or estoppel is or should be implied thereby; such amendments are made only to expedite prosecution of the present application and are without prejudice to the presentation or assertion, in the future, of claims relating to the same or similar subject matter.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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